

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: John R. Ripley Application No.: 10/707,939 Filed: 01/27/2004 Title: System and Method for Sharing Data Between Hierarchical Databases	Group Art Unit: 2164 Examiner: Sana A. Al Hashemi Attorney Docket No.: 800767
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Introductory Comments

The Applicant thanks the Office for the careful consideration given the application in the communication having a mail date of October 13, 2006. The Office previously applied a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 to the claims of the application and Applicant elected claims 1-6 without traverse for prosecution on the merits. The Office has withdrawn claims 7-14 from further consideration. Regarding claims 1-6, the Office has rejected claims 1-6 based independent claims 1 and 6 failing to comply with the enablement requirement under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. The Applicant believes that claims 1 and 6, as amended, enable compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, resulting in claims 1-6 being in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Applicant hereby requests examination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the following amendments and discussion.